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Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Portugal and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The undersigned have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a joint statement of the European Community of Yugoslavia, issued at Lisbon on 11 March 1992 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

US/EC Declaration on the recognition of the Yugoslav Republics

The Community and its member States and the United States reiterate their strong support for the United Nations Peace-keeping Plan, for the European Community Peace Conference chaired by Lord Carrington and for the key principles underlying the search for a political settlement of the Yugoslav crisis at the European Community Conference: no changes in the borders of the Yugoslav Republics by force or absent mutual consent, strong protection for human rights and the rights of all national and ethnic groups in all republics.

The Community and its member States and the United States have agreed to coordinate their approaches to completing the process of recognizing those Yugoslav Republics that seek independence.

The Community and its member States, bearing in mind its declaration on 16 December 1991, and the United States are agreed:

(I) That the United States will, in this context, give rapid and positive consideration to the requests for recognition by Croatia and Slovenia in such a way as to support the dual-track approach based on the deployment of the United Nations peace-keeping force and the European Community Peace Conference chaired by Lord Carrington;

(II) That the Community and its member States and the United States will also coordinate their approach to Serbia and Montenegro, which have expressed the wish to form a common state, and lay particular emphasis on their demonstrable respect for the territorial integrity of the other republics and for the rights of minorities on their territory as well as their willingness to negotiate Yugoslav State succession issues at the EC Conference on the basis of mutual agreement with the other four republics; and

(III) That positive consideration should be given to the requests for recognition of the other two republics, contingent on the resolution of the remaining European Community questions relating to those two republics. In this context, they strongly urge all parties in Bosnia Herzegovina to adopt without delay constitutional arrangements that will provide for a peaceful and harmonious development of this republic within its existing borders. The Community and its member States and the United States also agreed strongly to oppose any effort to undermine the stability and territorial integrity of those two republics.